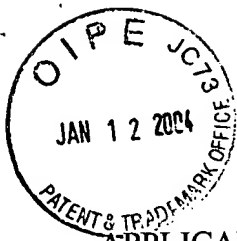


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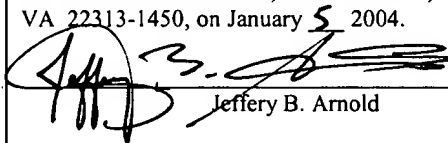
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks. Included herewith is a petition along with the appropriate fee for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Conclusion** is on page 6 of this paper.